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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: UGANDAN REFUGEES

REF: STATE 043103

1. REFUGEES CROSSING INTO KENYA FROM UGANDA RECEIVED, PROCESSED AND TEMPORARILY SHELTERED IN BORDER VICINITY. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHELTER RESTS WITH GOK DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS. NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY NON-GOK RELIEF WORK OPERATING ALONG BORDER. PROCESSED REFUGEES WHO HAVE NO FRIENDS OR RELATIVES IN KENYA OR NOT POSSESSING VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT ARE TRANSFERRED TO NAIROBI (APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AFTER CROSSING BORDER) WHERE UNHCR CONDUCTS INTERVIEWS AND THEN TRANSFERS REFUGEES TO MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCE DOCUMENTS. ALL REFUGEES THEN FORWARDED TO JOINT REFUGEE SERVICE OF KENYA.

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2. JOINT REFUGEE SERVICE (JRS) IS PRIVATE BODY RECEIVING FUNDS FROM ARRAY OF SOURCES INCLUDING WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF KENYA. JRS PROVIDES EACH HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD APPROXIMATELY US 12 PER MONTH FOR FOOD AND HOUSING, WITH SMALLER SUMS FOR EACH DEPENDENT.

3. RECENT FLOW OF REFUGEES EXPECTED TO BE PREDOMINANTLY MEMBERS OF LANGO AND ACHOLI TRIBES. OTHER UGANDAN REFUGEES APPEAR TO BE AVOIDING REFUGEE PROCESSING SYSTEM SINCE THEY HAVE FRIENDS AND RELATIVES ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN KENYA. AS OF FEBRUARY 28, ONLY THIRTY-FIVE REFUGEES HAD BEEN PROCESSED BY JRS (OUT OF THE RECENT INFLOW) BUT CONSIDERABLY MORE EXPECTED TO TRICKLE INTO KENYA OVER NEXT WEEKS. UNHCR SURVEYING SITUATION AT UGANDA/KENYA BORDER IN ORDER TO PROJECT DEMAND TO BE PLACED ON NAIROBI REFUGEE PROCESSING FACILITIES. UNHCR OFFICIALS HAVE NOT YET RETURNED TO NAIROBI AND, THEREFORE, THEIR ASSESSMENT NOT YET AVAILABLE. EXPECT THAT WITHIN NEXT WEEK REASONABLE ESTIMATE OF SITUATION CAN BE MADE. JRS OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THEY MIGHT HANDLE BETWEEN 500 TO 900 REFUGEES OVER NEXT MONTH. USAID WILL ADVISE INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

4. THIS NUMBER WILL PLACE NO UNMANAGEABLE STRAIN ON KENYAN FOOD STOCKS. ONE UNRESOLVED ISSUE IS WHETHER JRS WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT AND FUNDS TO INCOMING REFUGEES.

5. SHOULD REFUGEES NUMBERS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS OR SHOULD JRS PROVE UNABLE TO COPE WITH DEVELOPMENTS, MISSION WILL PROVIDE AID/W WITH SITUATION UPDATE.

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